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SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSEL ATLANTIS II

REF: A. STATE 240044, B. STATE 240190

1. AS WE WERE PLANNING OUR APPROACH INFORMALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, VENEZUELAN NAVY TELEPHONED TO ASK HOW LONG ATLANTIS II HAD BEEN IN AREA AND HOW LONG WOULD IT INTEND REMAIN. WE REPLIED ABOUT FOUR DAYS TO LATTER, BUT HAD NO INFORMATION ON HOW LONG IT HAD BEEN IN CARIACO TRENCH. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING US THIS INFORMATION.

2. VENEZUELAN NAVY INFORMATION WAS THAT SHIP WAS FOUND IN "CENTER OF SUCRE STATE" IN GULF OF CARIACO, NOT TRENCH OF CARIACO. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF COORDINATES PROVIDED REF B WE ASSUME VENEZUELAN INFORMATION TO BE INCORRECT. VENEZUELAN OFFICIAL WHO CALLED INDICATED THEY WOULD HAVE HAD NO PROBLEM ABOUT SHIPS BEING IN TRENCH OF CARIACO.

3. VENEZUELAN OFFICER SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH CICAR LIAISON, AND BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT PROJECT CONTINUING IF IT IS INDEED A CICAR PROJECT. HE PROMISED TO CALL BACK SHORTLY, BUT HAS NOT DONE SO, AND CALLS ON OUR PART INDICATED THAT NAVY OFFICE
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IS OBSERVING PRE-CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOUR OF THREE P.M. (PROBABLY

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT TO LISTEN TO RESULTS OF VENEZUELAN DECEMBER 9
ELECTIONS). "WE EXPECT WORD TOMORROW THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM
ABOUT SHIP'S RETURNING TO COMPLETE WORK AND PICK UP OCEANOGRAPHIC
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